

A TRIP TO THE BLUE MOUNTAIN.

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 he escape from the anticipated ordeal, the boy
 pressed his disappointment by saying that it was a regular
 day, for the train first went zig, and then it went zag
 and then it was all over.

On another occasion we had a "great laugh at a worth-
 citizen and his spouse, when we found in poor possession
 as we took our seats at Woodford. Having been yawning
 warily over our seats, they declared they had been
 then while, on the entrance of friends, to inquire who
 should arrive at the Zig-zag, to which was one
 the object of their present visit. Greatly gratified we
 they, on being informed that they had run 20 miles beyond
 20. They had mist- of the stoppage of the train, but
 been there and stupidly interested in their predic-
 tions to consider the matter. [They begged of us not
 to expose their stupidity, though it is mind telling
 of course in the strictest confidence, and we
 express understanding that they will never divulge it
 sake of their informant.]

TEAMS FOR THE MOUNT PERRY COPPER MINES.—On Wednesday, 23rd instant, such a number of fine teams passed simultaneously through Temwasa as to excite considerable interest among the spectators. The result of the inquiry we (*Temwaser Examiner*) learned that they belonged to Mr. Nutt, late agent of Mainland, and that he had engaged them in conjunction with Mr. E. Vickery, of Sydney, to proceed to the north-west coast, consisting of thirty teams, to the Mount Perry Copper Mines, from there to clear the rain forest from the mine to the nearest sea port, and thence to the beach through the neighbourhood of the colony of Queensland. This mine has, we are informed, been worked for some time, but has now fallen into neglect; a company having been formed, which intends to work it with modern machinery, and which would have been chosen for undertaking a long journey as pasturage is most luxuriant in all directions, and the roads comparatively good.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEW SOUTH WALES

The Moderator of a Presbytery from moving or seconding any motion or amendment.

The Rev. Mr. Nicolls moved for an amendment,—"The Article 13 shall not be so interpreted as to prevent the Moderator of a Presbytery from leaving the chair to move or second a motion, with the consent of the Presbytery."

The Rev. Mr. Nicolls' motion was carried.

The Assembly adjourned at twenty minutes past 2 p.m.

FIFTH SUNDAY.—The Assembly met at 7 p.m., as was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the preceding session were read, and after some slight discussion, confirmed.

RESOLUTIONS.

The Rev. Dr. McGibbon read the table a cheque for one hundred pounds (£100) which had been received from Mr. John Fraser, in aid of the funds of the Church Extension Society.

A vote of thanks was awarded to Mr. Fraser, and the Clerk of the Assembly was instructed to write to him stating the fact.

ably upon the testimony given a few evenings ago by the Bishop of the Church of England in Australia and Tasmania, to the efficacy of mission work.

A further extract from the Rev. Dr. Bliss and Rev. J. C. (in explanation) the motion was carried.

SABATH SCHOOL.

The Clergy reported that the report of the committee on these schools, was not quite ready, as some of the returns had only arrived that day.

PRESBYTERIES.

Leave was given to the Presbyteries of Sydney and Melbourne to sit this day.

The Assembly adjourned at 9.15 p.m., till 10.30 a.m. this day.

RESOLUTIONS.—In the published copy of the report of the Committee on the subject of the proposed new Assembly on Wednesday evening last, an error occurred in the following sentence:—"In the list of the churches created in the course of the year your committee would

The night sound, as of a heavy rustle booming in upon a level shore, while ever and anon a mingled crash and break of ice and snow, and the hiss of wind and powder-snow waves against the rocky cliffs that guard Hawaii.

Towards our left, the party wall that abut in the crest of the Pohaku Hanalei stretched across from cliff to cliff at a level elevation than that of other boundaries to Makua-waia. The party-wall and the main cliff on the south-east side, we judged that with a little nerve one might reach the top of the cliff by a zig-zagging way. The heaped-up pile of debris spoken of by me was not due to the level of the lower basin. A plan was arranged to attempt it the next morning, but was not carried out. The party-wall was not a wall, but a ridge of stones and weeds curving right, we noticed a wall on the other side. We left off exploring in that direction. Following on the sky line of the beetling cliff in where it joined the wall that was the main cliff, we saw a line of trees, and a line as it were by the eastern and western wall, the upper line of the Makua Kea. Clear and cold looked that distant

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made to develop the resources of the country over which it passes. The proposed line lies within the dominions of another potentate. Commercially, therefore, it cannot be expected that England will derive any advantage, while, politically, it may become the source of responsibility and embarrassment. Turkey, doubtless, is glad of such a proposal: not altogether because the revenues will feel

the effects of facilitated communication and stimulated production; but because an additional guarantee of the friendship of England will be gained thereby. The thought which produces the ready acceptance of this proposal by Turkey may deter Great Britain from becoming party to it. Should the line ever be made, the Emperor may find the temptation to link with the Russian system, which is already at

...and, and will shortly be extended to Reched,
in the Russo-Persian frontier, too strong to be
assisted. In any case, provided the advice of
the committee were acted on, Britain would
possess a more material interest in resisting the
invasion of Turkey than might always prove
inconvenient. Sir STRATFORD DE REDCLIFFE
favours the scheme, as might be supposed, on
account of the barrier it tends to oppose to

ussian influence in the South; but we shall not be surprised if the Government of England makes before it affords Russia a ready entrance into the British Empire in India, or gives the sick man " a power that may be abused.

**BANQUET TO CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF
ELEPHANT COMMUNICATION BETWEEN AUSTRALIA
AND ENGLAND.**—The committee appointed to make the

primary arrangements to celebrate one of the most important events in the history of the Australian colonies have met daily at the Exchange. All the preliminaries are now to be said to be complete. The banquet will take place in the Exchange, on the evening of the 7th instant, the Excellency the Governor presiding. As this celebration is in every sense a public affair, in which all classes of colonists are equally interested, it has been deemed inadvisable to issue any invitations, so that there will be no cavilling about invidious distinctions. The

Other arrangements have been entrusted to Messrs. Fisk and Compagnon, both of whom are favorably known as public caterers. It is intended that during the evening a short congratulatory message should be dispatched direct from the Exchange by his Excellency to Earl Kimberley, Secretary of State for the Colonies, and, possibly, a reply will be received before the company separates. The rapidity of transmission will to a great extent depend upon the influence exercised by the Government; and, as the Hon. the Postmaster-General has indicated, the Government will be anxious to facilitate the communication.

ated his intention to second the efforts of the committee, is almost certain that the message and its reply will go over the wire as rapidly as possible. If by previous arrangement the line right through to London be kept clear at a given hour—say 8 p.m.—a message could be transmitted, and, if answered at once, a reply received within a few hours at most. The price of tickets for the banquet was fixed at 30s., and, as only a limited number can be secured, the hon. secretaries were instructed to take the names of applicants at once. A large number have already

EXTENSIONS TO PARLIAMENTARY BUILDINGS. During the recess several improvements have been made to the Parliamentary buildings. The chamber of the legislative Assembly has been renovated; improvements have been effected in the lighting, and the Speaker's chair has been moved forward eighteen inches or two feet. This alteration will give increased accommodation to members of the Legislative Council who sit behind the Speaker's

air, and will enable the representatives of the Press to hear the observations of the Speaker more correctly than has hitherto been possible. The clerks' room has been moved to the other side of what was the vestibule, and a new vestibule has been formed from which will open a larger room than that which has hitherto been available for interviews between hon. members and their constituents. The alterations have necessitated the removal of the speaker's room. A more commodious apartment has, however, been substituted: and adjoining it there is another

on, which is to be devoted to the double purpose of a library for the Speaker, and a waiting room for officers of parliament when in attendance upon the Government. Above the Speaker's room two record rooms have been added. These will be used for the collection and preservation of important records which have hitherto been stored out in boxes and pressed in the balcony of any place here now could be found for their bestowal. A new room has been erected for the shorthand-writer of the assembly, and more suitable accommodation has been provided for the reporters of the daily Press. The lavatories, water-closets, and other offices have been entirely reconstructed.

structed, and it is hoped that an end has been put to the very serious inconveniences which have arisen for some years past from the unsatisfactory condition of these alternative means of communication have been provided between the refreshment room and the lavatories. An immense amount of work has had to be done in a very short space of time, and the most strenuous exertions have been made by the Colonial Architect (Mr. James Barnet) to get the alterations and additions completed by the 5th of November, Tuesday next, when Parliament will be formally opened. Owing to the wet weather which has retarded the failure of some of the bricklayers, &c., to know

their work, and their persistent refusal to work after society hours" some of the work will hardly be finished before the House meets.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S SPRING EXHIBITION.—AT NOON yesterday the society's marquee was again opened to the public, and within a few hours it had been besieged by hundreds of persons, so that it has become—what need not always be said of recent shows held under the auspices of the society—a decided success. The reason of the non-success of previous exhibitions was what the clients would call the watery favours of Jupiter Pluvius; and

ed on yesterday, as well as on the previous day, the chairman of the society's exhibition bemoans for the monotonous overtones of atmospheric appearances and conditions. Joy, without exaggeration, he said to have raised in their hearts when each of the two days closed without having been in the interim any rainy manifestations. The band of the Permanent Military Force was stationed throughout the afternoon, close to the marquee, and discouraged some popular selections of music for the special benefit of the visitors. The exhibition closed last evening, although even the cut flowers might have been allowed to remain in the tent for a day or two longer without detriment to the cause.

at any very noticeable detriment to their appearance. Among the twenty plants exhibited by the Hon. T. W. Hart was a very fine *dracena*; a specimen of *Allouea* reticulata, perhaps one of the best ever exhibited; and a handsome sample of *Marantia sanguinea*, in full flower. We might mention in conclusion, that Messrs. F. R. L. Hepburn, G. Klotter, and G. Harwood were the judges of the best grown plants, and Messrs. W. H. Catlett, W. Stephens and K. Gilbert of cut flowers. Mr. T. W. Craven took a first and not a second prize for five poliariums on Wednesday.

WARNING TO THE CHARITABLY INCLINED.—A

reference was made a few days ago in the columns of the Herald to the dodges practiced by a genteel-looking and respectably-dressed woman under middle age to extort money from the charitably disposed. Early on the forenoon of Friday last a woman called at the residence of a married lady in Crown-street, Surry Hills, and requested permission to be allowed to remain a while, so that she might be able to recover from an attack of weakness, caused by her having travelled all the morning from Bathurst per train. Her statements were set before the stranger by the lady of the house, who, in her womanly heart, concluded that the visitor of her visitor might probably have in some

measure arisen from want of food. The stranger became communicative, and stated that she had just left the family of a magistrate at Cova (whose name she mentioned), which she had been employed in the capacity of governess to his children; that that gentleman was to send her in the course of a day or two, the amount of salary due to her per mensem order; that she had had five shillings in her pocket which she had spent in purchasing a note to send to her late pupils as *souvenirs*; and finally that she had with her a bank-book which contained an account, in which she was going to draw that day for such a sum as might cover her present expenses. This circumstantial

story was told with such an appearance of honesty as victims probably have mislaid the most profound physiognomist or student of character. Her luggage was apparently contained in a reticule or small bag. This professed stranger at the land wound up her tale of difficulties by telling her hostess plainly that she intended to "pitch her tent" where she was, and that whatever expenses she might incur upon the lady whom she had constituted her hostess, she would be prepared to defray. The mistress of the house declined to accept the intended honour, and her visitor left. The visit was not repeated. We are told that the appearance of the stranger from Cowra agrees in every

SYDNEY CITY MISSION.—A suburban meeting for the advocacy of the claims of this society, was held last Tuesday evening, at Belmont: Mr. E. W. Cameron presided. The Rev. A. Webb, one of the hon. secretaries, gave a verbal statement respecting the unsocialian work of the missionaries. The Rev. H. Langley and Major de la Roche addressed the meeting, and Messrs. Bowermaker, Kelly, and Hodgkinson, missionaries, gave statements of their work.

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